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## **Sen. Laura Toy to host free presentations on new Medicare Prescription Drug benefit at area senior centers**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Laura M. Toy, R-Livonia, announced today that she will host a series of informational presentations at area senior centers for Medicare recipients and their families about the new Medicare prescription drug benefit.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for residents of the 6th Senate District to learn more about the new Medicare prescription drug coverage,” Sen. Toy said. “I’m glad to make this important information available to my constituents in Garden City, Livonia, Redford Township, and Westland.”

The first presentation is at the Redford Township Senior Center, 12121 Hemingway, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Presentations will also be at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21; and at the Garden City Maplewood Senior Center, 31735 Maplewood Street, from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21.

“I encourage anyone on Medicare to come and to bring a friend or family member to help learn which option is right for them,” Sen. Toy said.

Starting on November 15, beneficiaries can enroll in the Medicare drug plan of their choice. There are a number of different plans and everyone with Medicare must make a decision about their drug coverage.

Working with the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, Sen. Toy has arranged for an expert to visit each of these centers to discuss the new prescription drug benefit and provide information that will help those with Medicare decide which plan is right for them.

All presentations are free of charge and will last about an hour.

“I would also like to acknowledge the support of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter,” Sen. Toy said. “He has been instrumental in ensuring that area seniors are kept informed of the enhancements being made to Medicare to help people with their prescription drug costs.”

The new prescription drug insurance through Medicare gives individuals without coverage the chance to join an affordable plan and people who already have minimal coverage the opportunity to receive additional savings on their prescriptions.

For more information about these presentations or to obtain an informational pamphlet about the new Medicare prescription drug benefit, contact Sen. Toy’s office at 517-373-1707.

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